

CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

- 1 1. A combined animal information tag for providing primary and
2 supplemental information about an animal, comprising:
 - 3 a) a primary tag permanently attached to the animal and displaying
4 primary information about the animal; and
 - 5 b) a supplemental tag attached to the primary information tag for
6 displaying supplemental information about the animal, wherein the supplemental
7 tag comprises two arms each having a first end and a second end, the first ends
8 terminating at least proximal to each other and the second ends being connected
9 to each other; a cavity between the two arms sized to conform to a selected
10 portion of the primary tag; and an egress means between the first ends through
11 which the primary tag can pass into the cavity.
- 1 2. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein
2 the supplemental tag is a generally looped-shaped member having two generally
3 parallel elongated sections and two generally short sections.
- 1 3. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein
2 the egress means is located on one of the elongated sections.
- 1 4. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein
2 the egress means is located on one of the short sections.
- 1 5. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein
2 the elongated sections transition into the short sections and the egress means is
3 located at a transition.
- 1 6. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein
2 the elongated sections transition into the short sections and the egress means is
3 located proximal to a transition.
- 1 7. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein
2 the short sections are curved sections and the looped-shaped member is
3 generally oval-shaped.
- 1 8. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein
2 the first ends abut one another.

1 9. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein
2 at least one of the first ends of the arms has a tooth structure.

1 10. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein
2 at least one of the arms is sufficiently flexible to allow one arm to flex away from
3 the other arm so as to allow the supplemental tag to slide over the primary tag.

1 11. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein
2 the supplemental information regarding the animal is indicated by placing at least
3 one color indicator on the supplemental tag.

1 12. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 11,
2 wherein the entire supplemental tag is a single color to indicate the supplemental
3 information regarding the animal.

1 13. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein
2 the supplemental information regarding the animal is contained in a computer chip
3 attached to or a part of the supplemental tag.

1 14. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein
2 at least one elongated section is pivotally attached to a short section and the at
3 least one elongated section can move between a closed position securing the
4 supplemental tag onto the primary tag and an opened position allowing the
5 supplemental tag to be placed on or removed from the primary tag.

1 15. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein
2 at least one short section is pivotally attached to an elongated section and the at
3 least one short section can move between a closed position securing the
4 supplemental tag onto the primary tag and an opened position allowing the
5 supplemental tag to be placed on or removed from the primary tag.

1 16. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein
2 the first end of one arm comprises a first securing means and the first end of the
3 other arm comprises a second securing means, whereby the first securing means
4 and the second securing means cooperate with each other to secure the
5 supplemental tag onto the primary tag.

1 17. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 16,
2 wherein the two arms define a unitary planar structure capable of being folded,

whereby when the unitary planar structure is folded, the cavity is formed between the two arms and the first securing means and the second securing means come into proximity with each other.

18. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the first securing means is a prong and the second securing means is a hole, whereby the prong is inserted into the hole to secure the supplemental tag about the primary tag.

19. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the primary tag is an ear tag comprising a permanent tag body having a first planar dimension and a permanent tag neck having a second planar dimension smaller than the first planar dimension, and the supplemental tag is attached to the primary tag around the permanent tag body or permanent tag neck.

20. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the primary tag is an ankle tag comprising a permanent tag body having a first planar dimension, and the supplemental tag is attached to the primary tag around the permanent tag body.

21. A method for displaying primary and supplemental information about an animal, comprising the steps of:

- a) permanently attaching a primary tag to the animal and displaying primary information about the animal on the primary tag; and
- b) removably attaching a supplemental tag to the primary information tag for displaying supplemental information about the animal,

wherein the supplemental tag comprises two arms each having a first end and a second end, the first ends terminating at least proximal to each other and the second ends being connected to each other; a cavity between the two arms sized to conform to a selected portion of the primary tag; and an egress means between the first ends through which the primary tag can pass into the cavity.

22. A method for displaying supplemental information about an animal by removably attaching a supplemental tag to a primary information tag permanently attached to the animal, wherein the primary tag displays primary information about the animal and the supplemental tag displays supplemental

5 information about the animal, wherein the supplemental tag comprises two arms
6 each having a first end and a second end, the first ends terminating at least
7 proximal to each other and the second ends being connected to each other; a
8 cavity between the two arms sized to conform to a selected portion of the primary
9 tag; and an egress means between the first ends through which the primary tag
10 can pass into the cavity.